

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0029]:

[0029.1] FIG. 3 is a schematic representation of a process to supply a binding strip of the embodiments of FIGS. 1 and 2.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0037]:

[0037.1] Referring to FIG. 3, a process is schematically depicted which supplies the binding strip 34. A length of a metal workpiece 34a, which includes a folding line 34b that is parallel to a longitudinal axis thereof, is formed, via a forming step 90, into a binding strip 34. The binding strip 34 is partially folded along folding line 34b and includes two portions 34c, 34d angularly disposed to one another. The forming step 90 may, for example, include the steps of providing the length of metal workpiece (step labeled with numeral 92) and folding the same (step labeled with numeral 94) about the folding line 34b.